

House Bill 737

By: Representative Epps of the 128th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 holidays and observations, so as to declare Franklin Delano Roosevelt Day in Georgia; to
3 make certain legislative observations; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

5 **SECTION 1.**

6 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and
7 observations, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

8 "1-4-17.

9 (a) The General Assembly recognizes that:

10 (1) Franklin Delano Roosevelt became the thirty-second President of the United States
11 of America in March, 1933, in the depths of the Great Depression, and was reelected for
12 an unprecedented three more terms;

13 (2) FDR, as he was affectionately known, died in office in April, 1945, less than one
14 month before the surrender of Germany in World War II, at his beloved Warm Springs,
15 Georgia, the 'Little White House';

16 (3) Despite an attack of polio, which paralyzed his legs in 1921 at age 39, President
17 Roosevelt persisted with strength and courage to lead the American people during the
18 strains of economic crisis and world war;

19 (4) President Roosevelt visited Warm Springs, Georgia, in 1924 to partake of the town's
20 naturally heated mineral springs to treat his polio related paralysis and found considerable
21 relief from his illness;

22 (5) President Roosevelt was enchanted with Warm Springs; he built the only home he
23 ever owned there, and from that time forward, his modest six room cottage became
24 known as the Little White House;

25 (6) It was from Warm Springs that President Roosevelt is believed to have developed
26 New Deal policies that affected the entire nation;

1 (7) Franklin Delano Roosevelt was one of our nation's greatest Presidents, and his
2 legacies continue beyond enumeration, and include the continuation of the hospital he
3 founded for the treatment of polio patients to an internationally recognized
4 comprehensive medical and vocational rehabilitation facility known as the Roosevelt
5 Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation in Warm Springs, Georgia; and

6 (8) January 30, 2006, was the 124th anniversary of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's birth
7 and it is abundantly fitting and proper for the House of Representatives to recognize this
8 signal event.

9 (b) January 30 of each year is designated 'Franklin Delano Roosevelt Day' in Georgia."

10 **SECTION 2.**

11 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.